

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for transferring scanned imaging data from a scanning device to a personal imaging repository, comprising:

a scanning device capable of ~~obtaining information from items for~~ scanning imaging data;

~~a personal imaging repository associated with a particular user for storing imaging data that is to be accessed by requested web services;~~

an item for storing the scanning device configured to obtain user information relating to said a personal imaging repository associated with a particular user for storing imaging data that is to be accessed by remote web services; and,

a device firmware for storing scanned imaging data from the scanning device into said personal imaging repository, and being configured to store a link reference to the scanned imaging data in a centralized data store associated to the particular user;

wherein said personal imaging repository is an exchange infrastructure between the imaging data and ~~available~~ the remote web services on the Internet by allowing the remote web services to locate imaging data associated with the particular user by accessing the centralized data store.

2. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein said personal imaging repository stores the imaging data in a plurality of file formats.

3. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein said personal imaging repository comprises an imaging data store assigned to the user for storing imaging data.

4. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein said personal imaging repository comprises a plurality of imaging data stores for storing imaging data.

5. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim 4 wherein one of said plurality of imaging data stores ~~store~~ is assigned to the user for storing imaging data.

6. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim 4 wherein one of said plurality of imaging data ~~store~~ stores is assigned to a web service for storing imaging data provided by the web service.

7. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein ~~said personal imaging repository~~ the centralized data store comprises a composition store for storing imaging compositions of the imaging data ~~that are serviced as a single unit.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim 7 wherein said imaging composition comprises a link reference for each imaging data ~~that is serviced as a single unit.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein said personal imaging repository is located on another data storage device that is linked to ~~said~~ an imaging client.

10. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein said scanning device being configured to obtain user information from ~~item is a smart card.~~

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for transferring scanned imaging data from a scanning device to a personal imaging repository having ~~an~~ one or more imaging data ~~stores~~ for storing the imaging data of a user and a composition store for storing imaging compositions having links to the imaging data ~~serviced as a single unit,~~ said method comprising:

receiving the scanned imaging data;

obtaining user information relating to the personal imaging repository that identifies an imaging data store and a composition store associated to the user;

connecting with the imaging data store of the personal imaging repository indicated from the user information; ~~and;~~

transferring the scanned imaging data to the imaging data store; and storing, in the composition store associated to the user, a link reference that identifies a location of the scanned imaging data where the composition store maintains a plurality of link references to a plurality of imaging data that may stored in separate imaging data stores.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12 further comprising the steps of:

obtaining ~~a~~ the link reference of the scanned imaging data stored in the ~~personal~~ imaging data store; and,

disconnecting from the imaging data store by the scanning device.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 12 wherein said step of connecting with the imaging data store further comprising the steps of:

determining whether the connection with the imaging data store is successful;
returning an error message to the user when the connection is not successful;

and,

converting the scanned imaging data into a predefined format.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 14 wherein said predefined format is any one from the group consisting of:

Joint Photographic Experts Group Format;

Graphics Interchange Format;

Portable Network Graphics Format;

Tagged Image File Format;

Portable Document Format; and,

Microsoft Windows bitmap format.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12 ~~further~~ where the storing comprising the steps of:

obtaining ~~a~~ the link reference of the scanned imaging data stored in the ~~personal~~ imaging data store;

connecting with the composition store of the personal imaging repository indicated from the user information;

creating an imaging composition having ~~a~~ the link reference to the scanned imaging data stored in the ~~personal~~ imaging data store; and,

saving the imaging composition to the composition store.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 16 further comprising the steps of:

setting the imaging composition as a selected composition available for service in the composition store; and,

disconnecting from the composition store of the personal imaging repository.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein prior to the step of creating an imaging composition further comprising the steps of:

determining whether the connection with the composition store is successful; and,

returning an error message to the user when the connection to the composition is not successful.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein said step of creating an imaging composition further comprising the step of adding the link reference of the imaging data stored in the imaging data store to the imaging composition.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program codes embodied in the medium that when executed causes a computer to:

receive scanned imaging data;

obtain user information relating to the a personal imaging repository of a user, the personal imaging repository including a plurality of imaging data stores and a composition store, the composition store being configured to store references to stored imaging data associated with the user;

connect with ~~the~~ a selected imaging data store of the personal imaging repository indicated from the user information; ~~and;~~

transfer scanned imaging data to the selected imaging data store; and

store a reference in the composition store that identifies a location of the scanned imaging data in the selected imaging data store.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program codes embodied in the medium that when installed in a scanning device linked to a personal imaging repository with an imaging data store for storing the imaging data and a composition store for storing imaging compositions with links to the imaging data ~~serviced as a single unit~~, the product causes the scanning device to:

receive scanned imaging data;

obtain user information relating to the personal imaging repository;

connect with the imaging data store of the personal imaging repository indicated from the user information; ~~and;~~

transfer the scanned imaging data to the imaging data store; and

transfer a link to a composition store associated with the user, the composition store being configured to contain link references to a plurality of image data associated with the user that may be stored in different imaging data stores on remote devices.

22. (New) A computer program product comprising readable program codes that when executed causes a scanning device to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving references to a personal imaging repository of a user, the references including a data store reference that identifies an imaging data store for storing scanned image data and a composition store reference that identifies a composition store for storing link references to scanned image data associated with the user;

transferring a scanned image data to the image data store using the data store reference;

obtaining a link reference to the scanned image data transferred to the image data store; and

causing the link reference to be stored in a composition store identified by the composition store reference where the composition store can be accessed by a plurality of remote web services to identify locations of scanned image data associated with the user.

23. (New) The computer program product of claim 22 where the locations of the scanned image data can include multiple remote locations.